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In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A powertrain configuration for a truck chassis comprising:
- a chassis comprising at least two frame rails and at least one intermediate cross member;
- a forward wheel assembly attached to a forward region of the chassis;
- a rearward wheel assembly attached to a rearward region of the chassis; and
- an engine positioned between adjacent the forward wheel assembly and attached to two chassis frame rails ~~between the front and rear wheel assemblies~~, the engine positioned that, at most, only ten percent of an overall engine height extends above a top of the chassis frame rails.

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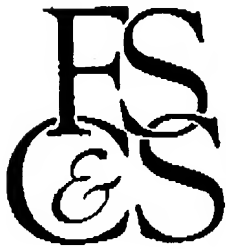
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/DIRECTIONS:

Mr. Phan:

John Naber asked that I fax you the attached draft response to the Office
 Action, dated July 31, 2003, for the following patent application:

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This draft is for your reference in anticipation of the interview with Mr. Naber
 scheduled for tomorrow, August 27 at 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions,
 please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you,

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